

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (previously presented)      A demolition tool comprising:

a universal body adapted to be attached to demolition equipment, the universal body including a guide slot extending longitudinally along the universal body;

a pair of pivotable blades pivotably attached together and removably attached to the universal body;

at least one linkage attached to each blade;

a slide member received within the guide slot, with each linkage attached to the slide member;

a piston cylinder arrangement attached to the universal body and coupled to the slide member for moving the slide member and the blades; and

a common pivot pin connecting each linkage to the slide member.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (previously presented)      The demolition tool according to claim 1 wherein the common pivot pin connecting each linkage to the slide member is aligned with a piston rod of the piston cylinder arrangement.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (currently amended) The demolition tool according to claim 1 wherein the quick change assembly includes a main pin pivotably connecting the blades and further ~~including~~ includes a quick change assembly coupling the pair of pivotable blades to the universal body[[;]] and[[;]] a bridge housing surrounding the main pin and detachably connected to the universal body.

Claim 6 (original) The demolition tool according to claim 1 wherein the piston cylinder is a combined hydraulic cylinder and rotary joint.

Claim 7 (original) The demolition tool according to claim 6 wherein the combined hydraulic cylinder and rotary joint includes a rotatable cylinder housing, a rotatable cylinder extension extending from the cylinder housing, and a stationary housing surrounding the cylinder extension.

Claim 8 (original) The demolition tool according to claim 1 wherein each blade includes a plurality of removable inserts.

Claim 9 (original) The demolition tool according to claim 1 further including a rotary coupling in the universal body providing for 360 degree rotation of the pair of blades.

Claims 10-29 (cancelled)

Claim 30 (currently amended) A heavy-duty shear comprising:

a body attachable to demolition equipment;

at least one hydraulic cylinder on said body;

a pair of pivotable blades attached at a common pivot point to the body and coupled to at least one cylinder for movement of the blades in a shearing relation, at least one of the movable blades includes,

i) a first cutting portion adjacent the pivot point of the blade,

ii) a replaceable piercing tip at a distal end of the blade, and

iii) a second cutting portion between the piercing tip and the first cutting portion wherein the length of the first cutting portion is less than the length of the second cutting portion;

a guide slot within the body;

a slide member received within the guide slot;

a separate linkage attached to each blade; and

a common pivot pin connecting each linkage to the slide member.

Claim 31-32 (cancelled)

Claim 33 (previously presented) The heavy-duty shear of claim 30 wherein the common pivot pin connecting each linkage to the slide member is aligned with a piston rod of the cylinder.

Claim 34 (cancelled)

Claim 35 (previously presented) The heavy-duty shear of claim 30 wherein the quick change assembly includes a main pin pivotably connecting the blades at the common pivot point and further including a quick change assembly coupling the pair of pivotable blades to the universal body, and, a bridge housing surrounding the main pin and detachably connected to the universal body.

Claim 36 (previously presented) The heavy-duty shear of claim 30 wherein the body includes a bearing housing for mounting the shear to demolition equipment, a yoke positioned forwardly of the bearing housing, a pair of sides extending from the yoke, the sides defining a guide slot extending longitudinally along the body, and slide member positioned within the guide slot movable along the length of the guide slot.

Claim 37 (previously presented) The heavy-duty shear of claim 36 wherein the sides are pivotably attached to the yoke and wherein the pivotable sides are moved to provide access to the slide member.

Claim 38 (previously presented) The heavy-duty shear of claim 36 wherein the hydraulic cylinder is coupled to the slide member for moving the slide member and further including a trunnion pivotably attaching the at least one hydraulic cylinder assembly to the yoke.

Claim 39 (previously presented) The heavy-duty shear of claim 38 further including a pivot pin connecting a piston rod of the piston cylinder assembly to the slide

member which has an axis substantially perpendicular to the axis of the trunnion, and a rotary coupling between the bearing housing and the yoke.

Claims 40-57 (cancelled)

Claim 58 (currently amended)      A demolition tool comprising:

a universal body adapted to be attached to demolition equipment;

at least one movable blade pivotably attached to the universal body;

a separate one-linkage extending from each of the at least one movable blade  
blades to a hydraulic piston, wherein there is a single linkage associated with each  
blade, and wherein a length of each linkage is substantially equal to a length from a position where the linkage is connected to the blade to a pivot point of the blade about the universal body; and

wherein each linkage is connected to the hydraulic piston through a common pivot pin.

Claim 59 (original) The demolition tool of claim 58 wherein a jaw depth of each blade is substantially equal the length of each linkage.

Claim 60 (original) The demolition tool of claim 58 further including an offset between each of the connection of each linkage to the hydraulic piston and the axis of the piston.

Claim 61 (cancelled)

Claim 62 (previously presented) The demolition tool of claim 58 wherein the common pivot pin is aligned with the axis of the piston.

Claim 63 (currently amended) A demolition tool adapted to be attached to demolition equipment, the tool comprising:

a universal body adapted to be attached to the demolition equipment;

a pair of pivotable blades pivotably attached to the universal body;

a separate linkage ~~at least one linkage~~ attached to each blade;

a slide member received within the body, with each linkage attached to the slide member at a common pin; and

a piston cylinder arrangement attached to the universal body and coupled to the slide member for moving the slide member and the blades, wherein the force generated by the blades during movement of the blades peaks near the closing of the blades.

Claim 64-71 (cancelled)

Claim 72 (previously presented) A heavy-duty shear comprising:

a body attachable to demolition equipment;

at least one hydraulic cylinder on said body;

a pair of pivotable blades attached at a common pivot point to the body and coupled to at least one cylinder for movement of the blades in a shearing relation, one

movable blade having a slot receiving the other movable blade, wherein one of the movable blades includes,

- i) a first cutting portion adjacent the pivot point of the blade,
- ii) a replaceable piercing tip at a distal end of the blade, and
- iii) a second cutting portion between the piercing tip and the first cutting portion wherein a substantially continuous cutting line is provided from the piercing tip to the end of the first cutting portion adjacent the first cutting portion;

wherein the body includes a guide slot, a linkage attached to each blade, a slide member received within the guide slot coupled to the cylinder; and

wherein a common pivot pin connects each linkage to the slide member.

Claim 73 (cancelled)

Claim 74 (original) The heavy-duty shear of claim 72 wherein the first cutting portion and the second cutting portion include a plurality of replaceable inserts.

Claim 75 (original) The heavy-duty shear of claim 74 wherein the replaceable inserts are indexable, whereby the inserts each include a plurality of cutting edges which can selectively be positioned into an operative position.